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SUBJECT: MODE - PROPOSAL TO OPEN DEA DISTRICT OFFICE IN
CAIRO

REF: CAIRO 16040

1. CITING REFTTEL, DEA HAS NOW FORMALLY REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO OPEN A DEA DISTRICT OFFICE IN CAIRO STAFFED WITH ONE SPECIAL AGENT AND ONE AMERICAN CLERK. UNIT WOULD BE APPROVED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR ONE YEAR, WHEN CONTINUED NEED WOULD BE ASSESSED. WOULD BE WITHIN JURISDICTION OF DEA ANKARA REGIONAL OFFICE.

2. LETTER FROM DEA PROVIDES FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONALE: QUOTE. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE LONG SOUGHT PERMANENT DEA PRESENCE IN CAIRO AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT NOW IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO ASSIGN A SPECIAL AGENT THERE. HISTORICALLY, THE PRIME VICTIM COUNTRY IN THE ARAB WORLD FOR TURKISH OPIUM AND LEBANESE HASHISH, EGYPT IS AN IDEAL POINT FROM WHICH TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE DRUGS. MOREOVER, EGYPT CERTAINLY HAS THE

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POTENTIAL TO SERVE AS A MAJOR TRANSIT COUNTRY IN THE
MIDDLE-EASTERN DRUG TRADE. WITH EGYPTIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS

INTEREST NOW AT A HIGH POINT, THE STATIONING OF A DEA AGENT
IN CAIRO SHOULD HAVE A MAXIMUM BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON
COUNTRY ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. END QUOTE.

3. DEA WILL REPROGRAM FROM WITHIN EXISTING MODE CEILING
TO ACCOMMODATE TWO POSITIONS PROPOSED. DEPARTMENT WOULD
APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE RE THIS REQUEST,
INCLUDING ANTICIPATED WORKLOAD FOR TWO PEOPLE, CONFIRMA-
TION OF HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE, AND IMPACT ON MISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES IF POSITIONS ARE
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